The target for 2005-06 is to generate 3.75 additional employment opportunities.

Central Government (in the Ministry of Rural Development) also implements several self-employment and wage employment programmes in the rural areas, viz. Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Gram Sadak Yojana.

Package for tiny sector

134. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy initiative or separate package of incentives for tiny sector to improve their competitive Resilience;

(b) whether there is inter sectoral coordination and cooperation mechanism among the concerned ministers and other ministries;

(c) whether a 'Swot' analysis was done on the working of small scale and tiny sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government has been taking policy initiatives and implementing promotional packages from time to time to provide incentives to the small scale, including the tiny, industries for their development and enhancing their competitiveness.

(b) Ministry of Small Scale Industries (SSI) and Ministry of Agra and Rural Industries (ARI) regularly consult each other in formulating policies and schemes for the development of small scale, including tiny industries. Besides, other Ministries and Departments of the Central Government as well as State Governments are consulted from time to time based on the nature of issues under consideration.

(c) and (d) The Government has, over the years, commissioned several studies and surveys on various issues concerning the small scale industries including tiny industries. While throwing light on the strengths and weakness of the sector as well as the opportunities and threats

before it, these studies recommended various measures to improve its working. Based on these recommendations, Government has taken appropriate action.

Commercial operations at Kudankulam

135. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to expand nuclear power station at Kudankulam and other stations;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for commencement of commercial operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes Sir. In addition to 2X1000 MWe reactors under construction at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu, the site has potential to accommodate 4X1000 MWe reactors. Similarly the sites at Kakrapar, Gujarat and Rawatbhata, Rajasthan have potential to accommodate additional units.

(b) Government has approved the following sites for setting up of Nuclear Power Stations in future.

* Kakrapar, Gujarat.
* Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu.
* Jaitapur, Maharashtra.
* Rawatbhata, Rajasthan

In principle approval has also been received for taking up preproject activities at above sites.

(c) and (d) With the above approval, the preliminary works for getting formal clearances from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board from safety angle, Ministry of Environment and Forests from environmental angle and detailed site investigations to finalise the Detailed Project Report